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ONCE MORE IN COURT.

Harris of the Noted Forest City House Fined, George Harris, colored, the keeper of the Forest City House on Eleventh street, between Q and R, was again before Judge Miller this morning charged with using profane language. Harris keeps a place patronized by a class of disreputable people and is in a neighborhood where desperate characters

Last night Sergeant Dunnigan and Officer Blaisdell attempted to arrest Harris, when a gang gathered around ers and nippers in order to get Harris to On the stand Harris said: "If I had

said the word I could have had this officer killed," pointing to Sergeant Dunnigan who was in a chair before

Harris brought up for his defense John F. Lord, Dan Wilkins and Pete Brown, three colored men. Wilkins is has served two terms in the penitentiary, so their testimony did not count In summing up the case Judge Miller

said: "It takes pretty nearly the whole police force to quell disturbances in this ection of 'Hell's Bottom,' and it was here that a brave officer met his death a year ago. The officers must be proand order, and Harris is fined \$10."

She is Ordered to Prevent Violation of the Neutrality Laws. The Government had information be

fore the press did about the rumored plot to capture Lower California, says a Washington dispatch in to-day's New York Herald, and last Saturday Secre tary Blaine ordered the cruiser Charles ton to proceed from San Francisco to the Lower California Coast and instructed the commander of the troops at San Diego to dispose his command so violate the neutrality law by a demonstration against Mexico.

Hit With a Brick,

Two small colored boys, named Rich ard Reed and Willie Bucken, became involved in a quarrel on Eleventh stree afternoon and the knocked Reed down with a brick. The boy was unconscious for some time, and friends took him to the Freedman's Hospital, where his wound was dressed was removed to his home on Eleventh between U and V streets. The injurie were not pronounced serious, but Reed

Army Intelligence, Lieutenant Luther R. Hare of the Seventh Cavalry has been ordered to report to the Governor of Minnesota, for duty in connection with the National Guard of that State until July 31 next. Major George W. Baird has be granted a leave of absence for two months from July 1, and Major Francis S. Dodge a leave of four months from

A number of police sergeants were examined yesterday at Police Headquarters by Engineer Commissioner Robert in reference to the merits of the parties recommended to fill the vageants Duvall and Connolly. missioner Hine, who makes the apolntments upon the recommendation of Major Moore, has not as yet acted in

VICTIM OF ELECTRICITY

KEMMLER MUST DIE BY THE MYS-TERIOUS CURRENT.

Interesting Decision of the United States Supreme Court-Chief Justice Fuller Delivers It.-The Murderer's Last Hope Gone.

By a decision of the Supreme Court the United States to-day, the last hope for life afforded William Kemmler, the New York murderer under sentence of death by electricity, was banished, and he will accordingly be executed in conformity with the new law governing executions in New York

The decision was on an application for a writ of error made by Roger M. Sherman of New York, counsel for Kemmler, argued last Tuesday. The Court was unani mous in denying the application. Chief Justice Fuller read the decision in full. He reviewed the case and severally went over the points made by Kemmler's counsel, and ended by stating that the Court had no hesitation in saying that they could not, on the rec-

ord as presented, reverse the decision of the New York Court of Appeals. The court in its decision first considered the question raised concerning cruel and unusual punishment. The first legal enactment in this regard stated, was made when liam of Orange became King of Eng land, and its purpose was to pre-vent the infliction of barbarous punishment on citizens. The New York Court of Appeals in its decision stated that punishment of death by electricity certainly was new and therefore unusual, but it was undoubtedly for the Legislature to say whether the mode fixed upon was cruel, the Legis-lature having all the facts after investi-

gation by a commission before them.

It was not true, the Court stated, that the fourteenth amendment had mate-rially changed our theory of government. Citizens of the States were also citizens of the United States. The fourteenth amendment simply furnished an additional safeguard against en-croachment on the fundamental rights of citizens. The privileges and immunities of citizens of the United States were indeed protected by it, but there are privileges and immunities arising out of the nature and essential character of the national Government. did not embrace the privi leges and immunities of citizens of the

The enactment of the State was within the legitimate sphere of the legislative power of a State, and the Legislature of the State of New York determined that electricity was not a cited and unusual punishment and its courts had sustained that determination. The Court therefore could not per ceive that the State thereby abridged

Kemmler's privileges or deprived him of due process of law. IN SENATE AND HOUSE,

District Matters Considered in Com-

mittee-Routine Proceedings. In the Senate Mr. Faulkner gave notice of an amendment to the bill relating to liquors imported into prohibitory States, providing that such liquors shall be considered as incorporated as part of the common mass of property within the State and subject to regulation, control or taxation in the exercise of the State's police powers.

Mr. Call offered a resolution calling on the President for information as to the landing of an armed force from the revenue cutter McLane, at Cedar Key, the pursuit of citizens in the surround-ing country, and asked for its adoption. Mr Edmunds said he did not know that it stated the truth, and upon his aggestion it went over. The Senate then resumed considera-

ion of the Naval Appropriation bill. The House, on the motion of Mr. Vandever of California, adopted a reso ution calling on the Secretary of War for information relative to the climate of Arizona, New Mexico and other paris of the arld region. The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the River and Harbor

Appropriation bill. District in Congress,

The House District Committee held its regular meeting to-day. Nine members were present. Chairman Groat is still kept away by sickness, though he is on the road to recovery. Mr. F. C. B. Sands was heard by the

full committee in favor of the Wash ington and Western Ratiroad bill. No action was taken. John Pope Hodnett's bills to have the United States of America reclify certain errors of the accient govern-

nents of England, Wales, Scotland and reland were ordered reported back to he House with the recommendation that they go to the Committee on A petition was received from a ma-jority of the residents of Rhode Island

avenue, asking that the bill to incoron rate the City and Suburban Rallroad be amended so that the said corporation shall be required to make connection with the North Capitol and O Street Railway at the junction at Fourteenth

The District Commissioners returned ing the route of the Baltimore and Po tomac Railroad, introduced by General Lee by request, without recommending

Mr. Cutcheon, chairman Compilies on Military Affairs, to day made a favorable report on H. R. 474, to estab-lish a National Military and Naval Museum in this city.
The Senate District Committee met

sioners of the District Senate bill 3400 to incorporate the Georgetown Union Bridge and Railway Company of the The same reference was nade with regard to Senate bill 3483, a bill creating the office of spector of Hay, Grain Feed, The same action taken with Senate bill 3891, to suspend the operation in certain cases of the statute of limitation in force in this District.

Senate bill 3830, to prohibit bookmaking and pool-selling, was reported favorably with amendments by Mr.

Faulkne Senate bill 2396, to regulate the prac medicine in the District, reported favorably with amendments the practice of dentistry in the District and for the protection of the people from empiricism in relation thereto. Senate bill 3442, concerning the Medical Society of the District, was re-

ported adversely. The committee was discharged fro further consideration of Senate bill 3103. Mr. Edmunds' resolution concerning the charges against street rallway compa-

nies for the cost of paving between the lines of their roads, was continued in the hands of Mesars. Ingalis and

A REPORTER BADLY BEATEN,

Two Lawyers Arrested for an Alleged Assault. ASBURY PARK, N. J., May 23 .- Not little excitement has been caused in this place by an assault made on Chas. K. Carpenter, a reporter on the Shore Press, by John F. Hawkins and Samuel Press, by John F. Hawkins and Samuel A. Patterson, two prominent members of the Monmouth County Bar, in which the newspaper man had decidedly the

worst of the encounter.

The trouble is said to have originated The trouble is said to have originated in the publication by Carpenter in his paper of the testimony produced at the various hearings in the divorce suit which is pending against Tullia A. Patterson. Patterson claimed that he had been misrepresented by Carpenter in his reports, and he had several times threatened the reporter with personal violence, but as the latter is something

of an athlete the attack was postpo-Patterson's counsel is John F. Haw-kins. Carpenter went to Hawkins' office for information in relation to another case. There he found both Hawkins and Patterson, and hot words ensued. Hawkins ordered Carpenter out of the room, and as he was leaving both Pat-terson and Hawkins struck him repeatedly, and, although he made ively resistance, he was overpowered and quite badly bruised. Warrants were yesterday issued against the attorneys. They were arrested and will be given a

hearing to-day.

Judge Masterson Swears Off Over His : Wife's Dead Body. NEW YORK, May 23 .- Of late the name of Judge Masterson has been in the newspapers frequently, owing to his erratic course while under the influence of liquor. Yesterday he swore by the side of his wife's dead body that he would never take another drink of iquor. Drinking has caused all of the Judge's troubles, and now he says he wishes that the builet fired in the Grand Central Flats last week had gone cashing through his brain. The rumpus in the flat and the consequent publicity given to the fact of his relations with Mrs. Hopkinson, caused Mrs. Masterson Wednesday night, and, after having an interview with her husband, died of heart disease at the Grand Union Hotel. Mrs. Hopkinson and the Judge visited the hotel yesterday and the widow made the husband awear that he would never drink any more liquor. After the burial of his wife, Judge Masterson will make an extended tour of Europe, leaving his business affairs in the hands of his cousin, who says the Judge pays her \$5,000 a year for her services in this

It is said that Mrs. Masterson's sudden death was owing to the excitement caused by her discovery of the way things were going here in New York. He left his wife in New Mexico last March, bringing his son with him to New York. Since that time a number of letters have passed between them, but whether they were pleasant or otherwise is not known. Mrs. Hopkinson declared yesterday that her relations with the Judge were only those of a wealthy man and his employe, despite the process of the tree of spite the reports circulated at the time of the shooting affray in the flat, when

each accused the other of firing the SLICK MR. KERBY.

A Bogus Check Causes His Arrest and

Joseph F. Kerby, who has his pockets filled with real estate papers and is a Colonel Sellers sort of an individual claiming to own 100,000 acres of land in Georgia and about an equal amount in every other State in the Union, was arrested this morning, charged with passing a worthless check on the Coumbia Bank. Detective Carter gathered him in as he was walking along the Avenue, and he ridiculed the idea of his being arrested, but was anxious that the newspapers should not know of it. Some days ago Kerby cuitivated the acquaintance of Captain Walter Hallett, who boards at the Temple Cafe, and tried to interest him in some of his so-called gigantic real estate deals. The Captain said he would take the proposition under consideration.

Yesterday afternoon Kerby called to see Captain Hallett on important busibut he was not at home. The Captain's son, 17 years of age, volun-teered to look him up, and Kerby improved the opportunity of having him cash a \$10 check on the Columbia

THE DEFENSE VICTORIOUS.

Judge Swayne's Decision in the Flor-ida Election Frauds,

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., May 28 .- In the Marion County election fraud cases in the United States Court a motion was argued to quash the indictments on the ground of irregularity in the calling of the special term of court. Judge Swayne said the point was a very important one. and he would reserve his decision until a circult judge should sit with him next December. Meanwhile he ordered the juries and witnesses discharged in all criminal cases, and postponed all such cases until the regular term in December. This is regarded as a practical victory for the defense.

"BROOKY" MOORE

Sent Down for Assaulting a 16-Year-Old Girl,

"Brooky" Moore, who has a shady record, was before the Police Court this afternoon for assaulting a 16-year-old girl, named Annie Wood, by knocking her down and dragging her in a woodshed, where he assaulted her. Judge Miller sent the young rascal to the workhouse for sixty days.

More Railway Talk

Mr. G. G. Boteler saw Commissioner Douglass this morning in reference to Senate bills 3400 and 3770, for the incorporation of the Georgetown and Union Bridge Railway Company. Both bills were introduced by Senator Bar bour. Mr. Boteler is opposed to bill 3400 and in favor of bill 3770. Com missioner Douglass seemed to have the same opinion, and to-day he addressed a letter to Senator Faulkner expressing

The Steamer Rush to Go to Alaska, Instructions similar to those sent to the captain of the "Bear" were sent yes-terday to the commander of the "Rush," at San Francisco, to proceed to Alaskan waters and protect the seal fisheries

It is said that Second Assistant Postmaster General Whitfield will suc ceed Mr. Clarkson, First Assistant, upon the retirement of the latter July 1,

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

TALES OF DEATH TOLD BY THE WIRES TO-DAY.

A Blue-Coat Kills a Comrade Jealousy Causes Murder and Suicide-A Murderer and His Victim Pray

Together_Other Tales of Woe, SYRACUSE, May 23.-Jeremiah Biair. life-long resident of Erieville, a little village on the Syracuse, Ontario and New York Railroad, in Madison County, died on April 4, and was buried on April 8. He was 65 years old, and had been sick about two weeks. His standing physician was Dr. T. J. Burn-ham of West Eaton, and he certified that death was caused by ulceration of the intestines. On Tuesday last Dis-trict Attorney H. M. Aylesworth and Deputy Sheriff Moochler appeared in Erieville and began an investigation of

rumors in regard to the cause of Mr Blair's death. The story was started that he had been poisoned by his wife and his nephew, Frank Blair. The nephew is a married man and has two children. but that did not prevent him from being very attentive to his uncle's wife for a year and a half before the uncle died. The conduct of the widow and nephew is responsible for the investigation which has been started. The district attorney has notified Coroner Gardener of Hamilton to exhume the body and make an autopsy. This will be done this week.

Blair's will bequeathed all his property, about \$40,000, to his wife, and appointed her sole executrix. The will has been probated and letters have been ganted to the widow. Mr. Blair was about 40 years old when he married.

A STRANGE SCENE,

Murdered His School Teacher—An Un-canny Prayer, SPRINGFIELD, Mo., May 23 .- Sheriff May of Stone County, Missouri, brought to the Ozark jail yesterday for

safe keeping Fletcher Kirby, a young man of Carroll County, Arkansas, who has confessed the murder of an old school teacher named Rogers, whose body was found about a month ago. Kirby was arrested in Texas. He says he pursuaded Rogers to go to a lonely spot on the pretext of showing him a store, Rogers wishing to buy such a place. Kirby shot Rogers, and while he was yet alive began to rob him, but was seized with remorse and contemplated suicide. The dying school teacher begged him to live and seek Divine forgiveness. Kirby asked the dying man to pray for him, and the two men clasped hands and prayed. Kirby alleges that another man planned the murder and recived half the booty

from him. "MAMMA SHOT HERSELF."

Said One Tot_"Papa Did It," Lisped Another Babe. CHICAGO, ILL., May 23.-At 12:15 'clock this morning Mrs. Wilhemina Thiesen, the wife of Jacob Thiesen, a saloon-keeper at the southeast corner of Harrison and Jefferson streets, was ound lying on the floor in a rear room f the saloon with a bullet in her head The woman was taken to the county hospital and her husband locked up in Maxwell street station. Their little daughter, aged 5 years, says her mother shot herself. Their little boy, about 3 years old, lisped that his father shot her. Both Thiesen and his wife had been drinking. The doctor who was called and dressed the wound is of the opinion that the woman cannot recover.

ONE LOVER GUARDS THE OTHER,

fore a Coroner's Jury. NEW YORK, May 28 .- First to arrive it the inquest in the case of murdered Mamie Murphy yesterday was her mur derer and lover, Charles F. Buchanan alias Jackson, accompanied and guardd by Policeman Sciford, her over, on account of whose attention

Printer Jackson, murdered her.
Mrs. Jennie Wilson, who had witsessed the tragedy in Johnson's saloon on the night of April 22, described it a'l for the Coroner's jury, as did also Eva Earl, a pretty girl, who had likewise seen Jackson when he did the blooly deed. Other witnesses, includiv Policeman Sciford, described th murder. Jackson declined to testify and the Coroner's verdict was against

WRAPPED IN THE STARRY FLAG

Peculiar Suicide of a Hotel Superin tendent-Probably Insane FLORENCE, ARK., May 23.—Yester day morning Edward Kenna, superintendent of the Landale Hotel, found hanging to the transom of his door with a ten-foot United States flat wrapped around his neck. Mr Kenna was a native of Philadelphia Pa., but came here from New York and had occupied his present position only a few days. He leaves a widow and several children. Deceased was in good spirits Wednesday night and showed no signs of melancholy. The fatal act is attributed to temporary aberration of the mind.

MARIE GAGNOL'S DEATH,

Her Murderer Arrested-His Wife i Pants, May 23 .- The concergerie o the house in which Marie Gagnol was murdered has been arrested to day with his wife and father in-law. The man's name is Briquet. Madame Briquet has confessed stealing jewelry from Marle's room after the murder was committed. but all three deny any knowledge of how the girl was killed. The police believe that either Briquet or his wife is the guilty party.

MURDERED HIS COMRADE,

One Soldier Makes a Human Target of Another, HAMPTON, VA., May 23,-Frank Manning and James Tye, enlisted men at Fortress Monroe, had a difficulty at Mill Creek, and on their return to the Fort, while Tye was seated in his room preparing for target practice, Manning came to the door, rifle in hand, and shot him through the head, causing in-

stant death. Killed His Moxican Mistress. DENVER, Con., May 23 .- A special from Trinidad, Col., says: J. B. Pratt shot and killed his Mexican mistress Kate Garcia, early yesterday, and then cut a bullet through his own head. Jealousy is supposed to have been the cause. Pratt came from Iowa a few

months ago.

Liquor Licenses. The Commissioners have approved the liquor licenses for bar and sample rooms of Ernest Loeffler, Rock Creek Church road, and Charles Killian, 336

SHELLES HERDER SENTENCED

To Tr Yours' Salitary Confirmment for His Numerous Extense,

Dovinson, Ps., May 23 .- J. Monroe Shellenberger, the well-known lawyer, whose forgeries have created such a sensation in this section of the country pleaded suffry yesterday to eightee different indictments and was sentence to twenty two years of bard taken an solitary confinement in the Eastern Penitrottary by Judge Yerken. The court scene was wildly tragte, and the prisoner broke down repeatedly during the realing of the Indictments and the scathing words of the Judge in an

teneing him.
His counsel plended for lentency, and when Judge Yerkes began the word-which doomed Shellenberger to a living death there was not a dry eye in the court room. At the conclusion of senience Shellenberger fainted in dock and was carried out. Last night he was suffering from nervous prostration, and his physician stated he was in a critical condition. He will be removed to the pentientiary on Saturday. The father and brother of the sentenced man had a fareweil meeting with him in the prison, and a hearthroken scene en-

ANGRY CANNED-GOODS MEN.

BALTIMORE, Mo., May 23.-Centon is the chief centre of the oyster and fruit-packing industry in this city, and when the men employed in that burd-ness read of the success of the high tariff people in raising the duty on tin plate it is no wonder they growied. Most of the packers are Northern men and Republican. They are, as a rule. Protectionists, but they believe in free raw material, at least so far as tin-plate, which goes into the making up of wrappers for their goods, is concerned. Many of them were too angry to talk, but some of them were not slow in de-nouncing Mr. Stockbridge for his coa-

duct on the tin plate question.

All were united in one thing-that the tin-plate duty was rulnous to the canner. The increased cost will fall upon the consumer, and that will necessarily reduce consumption, and thus the packers will in the end suffer the most. One leading member of a

canning firm said: "The makers of cans will be forced to about double their capital to keep their business up to its present standard, and their profits will be less. The mechanics will be ground down, and every method of saving money will be adopted at the expense of labor. I think an ef-fort will be made to defeat the tin-plate duty in the Senate, though no steps looking toward the fight have yet been

DRIVEN TO DEATH,

Michael Sullivan on Sunday last hired a horse from Mr. Quigley, the livery man, and drove the poor animal until it dropped dead at the corner of Ninth and G streets. According to his own testimony in the Police Court to day, between the hours of 2 and 7 o'clock p. m., he drove to Cabin John Bridge and back, and then out to the Soldiers Home and back, covering in all a distance of about tweaty five miles. The horse was valued at \$200 and belonged to Congressman J. W. Candler of Massachusetts, who appeared in court and took much interest in the

prosecution of Sullivan under the humane act for overdriving the Sullivan was defended by Mr. Camp-bell Carrington, and Judge Miller fined bim \$50. His attorney filed notice of

in the charge. He was dismissed, but will probably have to pay for the animal.

BAYNE MAY BE BEATEN.

ghany in a Tight Box. PITTSBURG, Pa., May 23 .- The Bayne-Shiras Congressional fight grows hotter every day. Colonel Bayne, whose presence in the district he represents has been urgently demanded by his friends, to day telegraphed that he would not arrive in Pittsburg until tomorrow morning. This, many of his supporters think, may be too 'late, as

even his staunchest friends admit that

his fences are badly out of repair, and that as the fight now stands he is George Shiras 3d, the Colonel's opponent, has been making a wonderful campaign. He is backed by many of the wealthicst iron men of the district He addressed a large gathering of col-ored men in his district last night, and in an interview be expressed himself as eing satisded that he had the battle

A CANADIAN GENERAL, He Will be Displaced on Account of His Misdeeds.

NEW YORK, May 23 .- A Toronto Ont., special to the Herald says: Lieutenant Colonel Denison, it is rumored here, is to succeed General Sir Fred. Middleton as commander of Canadian militia. Denison, some years ago, wor the prize open to the world offered by the Russian Government for the best treatise on cavalry tactics. General Middleton, it will be remembered, was found guilty by a committee of investi-gation of having illegally seized and appropriated part of Brimner's furs in Manitoba during the Riel rebellion.

BLUE AND GRAY TOGETHER,

Blending the Colors and Harmonizing the Battle Songs, WINCHESTER, VA., May 23.-Captain Callwell Post, No. 201, G. A. R. of Carliale, Pa., accompanied by a band and a number of ladies, arrived here yesterday morning. The visitors were received by Mulligan Post, No. 6, G. A. R., and a committee from the Winchester Camp. Confederate Veteraus, both of this city, and escorted to the court house half, where there were patriotic exchanges of regard, enthu-siastic oratory, and such now har-monlous or harmonizing airs as the "Star Spangled Banner" and "Dixie."

Building Permits, Permits have been issued to W. A.

Coulter, to erect six brick dwellings on Harwood averue, Le Droit Park, to cost \$15,000; to M. B. Helmuth, to rect two brick dwellings at 1116, 1118 New Hampshire avenue corthwest, to cost \$7,500; to Barr & Sanner, to erect two brick dwellings at 1794, 1720 Twentieth street northwest, to cost \$14,000; to R. F Shepard, to erect one brick dwelling at 1306 Eighteenth treet northwest, to cost \$16,000; to John Boyle, to erect one brick dwelling at 1615 S street northwest to cost \$6,500; to L. Staub, to erect a building on Thirty-second street northwest, to

BUDGET FROM LONDON.

LIBERALS ARE ANXIOUS TO FORCE A GENERAL ELECTION.

They Relieve the Present Discontent Would Invalve a Victory for Their Pusty. Other News and Gossip From Across the Sea.

LONDON, May 20.-The Liberals are tremely analous to force a general cetton at us early a date as possible, wing to the discontent aroused among the firstish taxpayers by the land pur chase fall and the belief that that discentent would involve a Liberal vic ery. In every speech made by the slad storians the cost of the land pur chase scheme is kept prominently to the front, the figures being placed at 150,000,000 pounds, instead of the Goverument estimate of 30,000,000 pounds Lord Salisbury, however, shows no dis cultion to recept advice from his anagonists. He has a safe working maority in Parliament and a legal lease of official life for three years longer, unless a fallure to support the ministry on some vital question should involve an appeal to the country. His partisans stand by him on every vote and the ranks of the Liberal Unionists show no signs of a break, whatever may be the

Reports from Egypt represent the people as well satisfied with the presence of the British troops in that country and viewing with considerable fear the prospect of evacuation and abandenment of the country to the Khedive's authority. While there is no inter-ference on the part of the British with the administration of justice among the natives themselves, yet the presence of the British is regarded as having a strong influence in preventing the outrage and oppression which have usually attended native government in the

East. Egyptian finances are in a more prosperous condition than for many years, while the Khedive's suzerain, the Itan, is sunk in almost honeless

bankruptcy and unable to pay either his troops or his navy. Sir Francis De Winton, Sir John Willoughty and Captains Smith and Williams will take their departure from London for Southeast Africa to night in the interest of the British East African Company, and it pected that active results will follow their arrival there. It is stated that exceptional powers have been granted by the government to Sir Francis, com-prising authority to take any action that may seem to him best calculated to conserve the interests of England li Africa, and at the same time exten-ber sphere of influence. It is an open secret that this step has been taken in deference to the recommendations and warnings of Mr. Stanley, who has per contended since his arrival

here that Germany's activity was rapidly drawing to her the influence in Africa that England was losing by her The German Government, through its representatives in the Anti Slavery Conference in Brussels, is exerting a powerful influence in favor of the abolition of free trade in the Congo State, and it is understood that unless the Powers consent to the imposition duties upon imports, King Leopold will be compelled to sell the Congo country to England. The chief opponent of the imposition of import taxation in the Congo State is, singularly enough, the highly-protected United States Government, which is contesting the competency of the conference to

impose the proposed taxation.

The recent predictions as to the appointee to the vacant See of St. Albans have been upset by the elevation of Mr. to the Episcopal Chair. The appointment was a complete surprise, and was made, it is understood, to avoid giving offense to the friends of the large number of active applicants for the place. Mr. Festing was not regarded as a pos-

sible appointee.

The government has granted an an nual pension, during her lifetime, of 50 pounds to the widow of the famous

British naturalist, Wood. It is announced in Berlin that Major Wissmann will arrive in that city about the end of June. Rumor alleges that visit is at the instance of the government and with a view of taining the major's counsel in the organization of an African campaign on an extended scale. This report is supported by the recruiting operations of Lieutenant Governor Gravenuth.

The Chronicle advises the govern-ment to drop both the Irish land purchase and the compensations bills, or else modify them to meet the objections of the Gladstonians, otherwise the paper believes both measures will be defeated in the final division, if not at

an earlier stage.

Labor riots still continue at Nurschau. Already sixteen men have been killed and a large number wounded The strikers are spreading, and the local authorities have confessed their inability to restore order, and asked the

assistance of the military. M. Hitrovo, the Russian Minister to Bucharest, has been summoned to St. Petersburg to receive the censure of his government for the bungling manner in which he managed the Panitza conspiracy against the life of Prince Ferdi-nand of Bulgaria. When the plot was discovered M. Hitrovo was openly ac-cused of having instigated it and the accusation has never been refuted. The ostensible reason for his recall is to enable him to exculpate himself from the charge of complicity, but beyond doubt the real reason is that he is to be disciplined for falling to carry the con-spiracy to a successful issue.

HOW THE TARIFF AFFECTS THEM.

Will the United States Join in the Sugar Convention? LONDON, May 23 .- In the House of Commons yesterday E. S. Hill asked whether, in view of the opposition of American refiners to the proposed abolition of duties in America on sugars below 16 Dutch standard, the Govern-ment would relavite the Washington Sir James Ferguson, Under Foreign

Secretary, replied that it was by no means certain that it would be the final decision of Congress on the tariff. There was no ground to think that a renewal of the invitation to the Washington Government to join the convention would be successful.

A GREAT GERMAN GENERAL DEAD

Bertan, May 23 .- General Eduard Friedrich Fransecky of the Prussian Army, died at Wiesbaden yesterday. He was born on November 6, 1807. As a graduate of military academies at Berlin and Potsdam he rose in rank and position until in 1870 he became

General of Infantry of the Second

Army Corps. He was first engaged at

After the capitulation of Bazaine he appeared before Parls, where he occuappeared before Parls, where he occu-pled a position between the Scine and the Marne, and commanded in the battle of Champigny, on the 1st and 2d of December, besides his own army corps the Saxon and Wurtemburg troops, in all an army of 50,000 men and 200 cannons. On the 3d of November, 1879, he was named as Governor of Berlin. He has been decorated with

CHURCH STRUCK BY LIGHTNING,

Four Persons Killed and Twenty Re-BERLIN, May 23 .- The village of St. Mahlen, near Hildesheim, has been visited recently by severe hail storms, which have done a great deal of damage. Yesterday the people gathered in a church to pray for a sessation of the atorms. While the services were in progress a thunderstorm came up and the church was struck by lightning. Four persons were killed and twenty were injured, four being rendered com-pletely blind. The people were panic stricken, and, in the mad rush for the doors, two children were crushed to

A Blow at Temperance. LONDON, May 23.-Mr. Gladstone, in a letter expressing his views on the government's measure to compensate publicans for loss of business resulting from the proposed decrease in the num ber of licenses, writes that the mere in-troduction of the bill has already increased the value of the property of publicans £50,000,000. The bill, he

says, is the heaviest blow ever struck at the cause of temperance.

Princely Enthusiasm, ODESSA, May 23.-The Prince of Naples arrived here yesterday and was received with great enthusiasm by the erowds awaiting his arrival. It is ex-pected that his reception in St. Peters-

burg will be a phenomenally popular and official demonstration. PRESBYTERIANS IN COUNCIL.

Dr. Patton's Spicy Speech Talk About SARATOGA, N. Y., May 23 .- The important business before the Presbyterian Assembly this morning was consideration of providing a committee on revision. Two resolutions were before

the bonse, one by Rev. Dr. McCracken of New York, and the other by Elder Henry Day. Dr. Patton of Princeton, who has been regarded as the leader of the autirevisionists, said: "This is a most serious moment in the life of this Assembly. We represent differences of opinion. It is too late to raise the question as to the wisdom of the last Assembly in submitting the overtures upon which we are about to act, but it is my opinion that it was a very unwise act. I will oppose from the very bottom of my heart the submission of Mr. McCracken's resolution to the Assembly. Out of the ght ask for an absolutely new creed. do not see the necessity for any altera-134 Presbyteries have expressed them-relves in favor of it, and I bow to the

"I wish them to understand that n change shall be made that will any way impair the integrity of the Calvanistic system. [Applause.] I will never confess that a total revision of faith is necessary. [Great applause.] I wish I had a voice that would reach around the world to reaffirm that there never was and never can be a just foundation far the charg lieved in infant damnation, or that the loctrine is embodied in the Westminster standard." [Applause.

opinion of the majority thus expressed

Assembly begin debate on the appointment of a committee on revision and that it continue until a final vote is reached. Adopted with applause.

The Unveiling Ceremonies at Richmond
—Miss Lee Will Attend. RICHMOND, VA., May 23.-A telegram from New York announces that Miss Mary Lee, the eldest daughter of General R. E. Lee, has arrived there and will be present at the unveiling of the equestrian statue to the General. stated that the uniformed troops and veterans will be given position in line in the order in which the States second. This will put South Carolina first. The uniformed troops will be under the command of Brigadier-General Charles J. Anderson of Virginia. The hymn "How Firm a Foundation," will b

song by the vast assemblage, with a full brass band accompaniment. SALOON-KEEPERS OUSTED,

The Missouri Odd-Fellows Go on Rec-ord Against Them, St. Lovis, May 23.—The Grand

Lodge of Odd Fellows of Missouri have gone on record for prohibition. At yesterday's meeting the Grand Mas-ter's report advocates the exclusion of saloon keepers from the order. A hot debate ensued, after which a vote was Herman Blautz put \$128,300 to his credit during his term of two years, and Bernard Rossing, the proceed incum-bent, has managed to get hold of \$60. 400 in nine months. These sums the city intends to bring suit for against taken on the question of excluding saloon-keepers from the order, and side advocated by the Grand Master carried the day. A number of saloonkeepers, principally in St. Louis, St. Joseph and Kansas City, belong to the order, and the enforcement of the rule will doubtless be a disagreeable task.

BEAVY DAMAGE BY PIRE.

Nearly Every House in a Tenouser Town Reduced to Ashes, MEMPRIS. TENN., May 331. - German own, twenty miles east of this city, was visited by a disastrous conflagra-tion between 5 and 4 o clock yesterday morning. The 5re originated in a va-cant storehouse and spread with great rapidity, and it was not gotten under

control until nearly every home in the town had been reduced to ashes. The

osa is estimated at \$15,000; insured for

JOLIET, Int., May 28.-Father Me Cann, the infestonary priest who re-He schools here, has been forbilden t speak on that subject in the future The order meets the hearty approval of Catholics herr, most of whom did not

inderse his utterances at the time. Another Man Gone Wrong,

St. Paul, Minn., May 21.-It is rumored that Edward J. Cattell, the local manager of the brokerage house of Walker & Co., of Chicago, is short in his accounts and has run away. The shortage is placed at from \$40,000 to Jewett Publishing Company, did not ab\$50,000. He is believed to have gone second with the large amount charged to Alaska,

MEN KISS EACH OTHER.

INTERESTING SCENES AT THE DUN-

KARDS' LOVE FEAST. Males and Females Humbly Wash

Each Other's Feet.A Quaint Custom Which Attracts Thousands -The Peculiar Meeting-House, READING, May 23 .- The peculiar religious denomination known as the Dunkards are holding their yearly love

feasts in most of the German counties of Pennsylvania in the eastern part of the State. The meeting held last night at Ziegler's Meeting-House, near Rehrers-burg, was one of great interest. There were thousands of people in attendance and nearly all of them were Dunkards. The solid old farmers, attired in the ancient dress peculiar to their faith, and hundreds of women and children made the occasion before the opening of the meeting a lively one. The meeting-house is just as peculiar as the religion and the people. The floor slopes from both ends to the centre. This makes it possible to look over the heads of those

seated in the central portion of the On the second floor are two large rooms. These were occupied last night by the brothers and sisters who came from a distance. One room was occupied by the men and the other by the women and children. These apart-ments are furnished with bedsteads and cradles. The cooking is done in the basement. Some sixty men, women and children occupied these sleeping rooms last night. An ox weighing 580

pounds was slaughtered to day for the

After a sermon or two the interest-ing feet-washing ceremony took place, When the Bishop had finished reading the biblical chapter, which describes Christ washing the feet of the Disci-ples, the Dunkards gave a very fair imitation of the ceremony. One brother kneeled down and washed both feet of three or four brothers sitting on a bench in a row, while another brother, girt with a towel, followed and wiped the feet. The women, all of whom wore white lace caps, washed each other's feet in the same way while an appropriate hymn was being sung. Loaves of bread and tin dishes containing soup made of rice and beef having been placed on the table, all the members of the Lord's Sup-every set of four partook partook of the Lord's Sup-per. Every set of four brothers and every set of four sisters ate soup out of one dish, two sit-ting on each side of a narrow table. The members arose after eating and embraced each other in a fervent manner. The salutation of the holy kiss followed, when each imprinted a kiss on the lips of the member next to him. The loud smacks resounded through the meeting house. Communion service, the breaking of unleavened bread and the drinking of unfermented grape wine, was also observed. The unleavened bread was in strips, some 6 inches long, 2 inches wide and + an inch thick. A piece was broken off by a brother, who broke another piece off and handed the remainer to

affection and the giving of the holy kiss. THEY LOVE THE CZAR.

the brother next him. The meeting

lasted two days and finally adjourned

this afternoon amid warm embraces of

Mr. Dunston Takes Issue With George Kennan, the Writer, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, May 23 .- Mr. Wm. H. Dunston, a resident of Russia for thirty years and present American Vice-Consul General at St. Petersburg, is in this city. He takes decided issue sensationalist, given to exaggeration Mr. Dunston says the Russian prisons are as humanely conducted as our own, the prisoners being well treated and well fed. The people of St. Petersburg love the Czar. The idea which seems to

prevail here, that the Czar never appears

in public unless he is guarded by troops. ot a correct one. With the Empress he can be seen nearly every day driving through the streets with only a soldier on the seat with the driver, and he does footman's duty. Mr. Dunston says some of the exiled women, whose cases are cited by Mr. Kennan in his lectures as examples of Russian cruelty, are Anarchists of the same stripe as Spies, Parsons and the other Chicago plotters. The American colony in St. Petersburg, Mr. Dun ston says, deprecate the abuse of the Russians and do not approve of Kennan's lectures, and he (Dunston) will do all in his power to counteract his influence in this country.

BIG THING FOR TREASURERS, Nearly Half a Million Captured in In-

terest in Tex Years, CHICAGO, ILL., May 23.—Comptroller Onahan has figured up the exact amounts of money that the last five City Treasurers got for the interest on the people's money. He says that during the two years and one month that Rudolph Brand served he got \$76,500; J. M. W. M. Devine put \$100,500 in his inside ocket in one year and ten months: C

ten years back. TRIED TO KILL HIS WIFE,

A Brooklyn Man Who Followed His Fretty Better-Falf. NEW YORK, May 23 .- At 1 o'clock yesterday morning David Ransey, accompanied by two other Brooklyn men, visited the boarding-house at No. 175 West Forty fifth street, where Hausey's wife, who had separated from him, was living. Upon a pretext they gained admittance, though not without arousing all the boarders. Ransey broke down a door to follow his pretty wife into a back parlor, and then shot her in the neck while she crouched in the corner, after which the three men escaped. Mrs. Runsey may recover.

Turkish Truops Routed.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 23.—The attempt of the government to Install Kareham Pacha as Governor of Albania, at Laiche, has been forcibly resisted by the Albanians, who attacked the Turk ish treeps sent to quell the disturbance and reuted them. Many of the soldiers were killed. Additional troops have been sent to the scene.

Boston, May 25.-It now develops that Clarence Jewett, president of the